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A source considered highly reliable furnished the following additional information concerning the arrival of the Mufti, his reception, and other facts.

1. The Mufti arrived at Abdin Palace on 19 June 1946 at eight o'clock P.M., driven to the Palace in a blue taxi. He was wearing a large turban wrapped in a white shawl and a black overcoat, and was accompanied by his secretary, Rushdy Wan. The two signed their names in the royal registry. No official was present in the Palace at the time of the Mufti's arrival except Rashid Bey, Mahmoud Tanis, and Kaim Maken. The King was just returning from a party at the Lycée Français in honor of the graduation of several students.

2. The Mufti stated that he was placing himself under the protection of King Farouk. The employees of the Palace were greatly surprised, and Ali Rashid Bey informed the King of the Mufti's arrival. The King ordered the Mufti brought to him, where he remained for forty minutes with the King. The Mufti expressed regret that he hadn't asked the King's permission to enter Egypt and seek refuge, and also for any difficulties that may result from his presence. He emphasized to the King that he had never served any foreign country, that he does not hate the British nor the American nor the Jews, but he loves the Arab countries and works for their independence.

3. King Farouk immediately summoned Sidqi and Ismail al-Sayid, Foreign Minister, who were attending the meeting of the Egyptian treaty delegation. When they arrived, the King informed them of the Mufti's arrival and of his requesting the protection of the King, and the King's granting his request.

4. The Mufti is now at Inchass ~~guarding~~ with a strong escort of troops, armored cars and Brenn guns. It will be recalled that the Mufti sent a cable from Paris to ~~find~~ the Arab rulers who were meeting at Inchass.

5. The Mufti brought with him to the Palace all the letters exchanged between him and the French Government, also correspondence with Mr. Devin. These letters indicate that the French Government regarded him as a political refugee and refused to deliver him to the British.

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6. Several delegations of various Arab and Egyptian organisations have called at Abdin Palace to offer thanks for the sympathy and consideration of King Faruq toward the Mufti. The number of cables sent to King Faruq from various parts of Palestine reached 12,000, in addition to many sent within Egypt. All of these cables express thanks to the King for protecting the Mufti.

7. Following the Friday prayers at Al Ashar, the participants cheered King Faruq and the Mufti, and attempted a demonstration. The Police dispersed them without incident.

8. The Arab Committee of the Kotla Party held a meeting on 21 June under the Presidency of Makram Ubayd, and passed the following resolutions:

- (a) The Kotla welcomes Al Haj Amin in his capacity both as an Arab leader and a guest.
- (b) The Kotla asks the Egyptian Government not to impose any restrictions on his freedom so that he (The Mufti) may be able to perform his national and political duties.
- (c) Al Kotla party believes that the Mufti, being a political refugee, is allowed to resume his political activities in Egypt. Any restrictions imposed upon him are considered contrary to humane principles and will undermine Egypt's prestige among Arab nations.
- (d) The Kotla supports the resolutions passed by the Arab League Council in its extraordinary session in Hloundan.

9. ~~Nahhas~~ Pasha, Leader of the Wafd, has sent a message of welcome to Haj Amin stating that he and all his men are prepared to sacrifice their lives for his sake.

10. ~~Mahmud~~ Salah el-Din Al Husseini, son of the Mufti, who resides at Gabares Street No. 4, Heliopolis, and attends Ashar University, has made several attempts to see his father without success.

11. It is reported that the Mufti will resume his political activities as soon as the Anglo-Egyptian negotiations are completed.

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